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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Letter from Chairman McCone Concerning Items for
Consideration by the "Principals."

1. Chairman McCone has suggested that the items originally scheduled for the "Principals" meeting on 11 October be discussed by telephone. (See Tab A.) We do not anticipate that these topics will be resolved by telephone, however this material is presented in the event that you are asked to comment on them prior to a formal "Principals" meeting which may be held some time next week.

2. New Planning Date for Nuclear Shot LOLLIPOP - The Atomic Energy Commission is currently under instruction to complete technical preparations for LOLLIPOP by 15 November 1960. In order to conduct the experiment on that date, it would be necessary to start installation of instruments within the next few days. In the event the firing is delayed, much of this instrumentation will deteriorate and may have to be replaced at an estimated cost of \$800,000. In view of the above, I recommend that you support postponement of the firing to a more suitable date. The suggestion of Chairman McCone for a December 10 firing date with

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a 10 November decision on instrument installation is a satisfactory interim solution. It does imply a rapid decision just after the election, and it also gets into the winter period when weather conditions will be such as to seriously interfere with a seismic recording. This period ends somewhere about the 1st of May. A May date would allow additional time after the election for decision and also for action by Congress on the safeguards problem.

3. Proposal to have a Ceiling on the Number of Inspections Allowed - The figure of 20 inspections a year has been tabled by the US at Geneva. I recommend that you support Chairman McCone in holding to our initial proposal which should provide a level of inspection that is quite adequate.

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Attachment:
Tab A

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